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SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL No. .] [SES. 1862-'63.

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## A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A RESERVED CORPS FOR EACH COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and required to call out a force of fifty mounted men in each county of the State, to be styled a County Reserve, to be raised by volunteering or drafting, at the discretion of the Governor.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said County Reserve shall, in each county, elect a Captain and three Lieutenants, to be commissioned by the Governor, and shall be under the same rules and regulations, and receive the same pay, rations and clothing as regular officers and soldiers of the cavalry service. *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall require the State to furnish said County Reserves with tents or camp equipage, unless said Reserves, or a portion of them, should be removed to another county and placed in actual service, as provided for hereinafter.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Colonel of each Regiment of Militia, or where there are two Regiments, the senior Colonel shall act as Paymaster for the Reserves in his county, and shall make monthly requisitions upon the Governor for the necessary sums of money, and he shall be required to give bond, with security, payable to the State of North Carolina, in such sum as the Governor

8 may judge sufficient, conditioned for the faithful disburse-  
9 ment of all sums of money which may come into his hands  
10 from said monthly requisitions.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor shall  
2 have power, whenever in his opinion the public safety de-  
3 mands the same, to call together two-thirds of the said  
4 County Reserves to any exposed county or point in the  
5 State, and appoint field and staff officers over them while  
6 so massed together.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty  
2 of these County Reserves to keep good order in their re-  
3 spective counties, by promptly suppressing all unlawful  
4 acts, whether by slaves or free persons, by preventing or  
5 dispersing all unlawful assemblies, by vigilant care that  
6 the laws of the State concerning slaves and free persons  
7 of color are kept, and by arresting all suspicious charac-  
8 ters, and requiring them to give a satisfactory account of  
9 themselves.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That each member of the  
2 County Reserves shall be armed with a good serviceable  
3 rifle, shot-gun, or musket, to be furnished by himself, if  
4 he have one, and in case of a deficiency of guns in any  
5 company, the same shall be furnished by the Governor  
6 upon requisition of the commanding officer of the Regi-  
7 ment, and also suitable ammunition shall be issued by the  
8 Governor to the several companies whenever it may be  
9 deemed necessary.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor may  
2 dismiss or disband the said County Reserves whenever in  
3 his judgment deemed necessary.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this bill shall be in  
2 force from and after its ratification.

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